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EDITORIAL REACTION THIS MORNING TO AMBASSADOR JOVA'S SWEARING IN CEREMONY WAS MIXED. JAVIER ROMERO, COLUMNIST OF "EL DIA" (ESTABLISHMENT-LEFTIST) COMMENTS: "THERE IS A NEW THEORY IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, CYNICAL BUT WHICH SHOULD NOT BE REJECTED. ACCORDING TO THIS THEORY, THE EMBASSY IS A PRESSURE CENTER, AN INFORMATION-GATHERING TOOL...WITH ONE UGLY WORD, A SPYING NEST. AND THIS IS WHAT THE US. EMBASSY HAS BEEN AND, MORE THAN EVER, STILL IS." "CIA ALWAYS KEEPS COMPANY WITH THE SO-CALLED DIPLOMATIC LEGATION THOUGH ITS HEAD MIGHT OR MIGHT NOT COINCIDE WITH THE HEAD OF THE MISSION." WRITER WONDERS WHY THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT ACCEPTED JOVA WHICH WRITER TERMS AN AGENT OF CIA.

"EXCELSIOR" (LEFTIST-NATIONALISTIC-INFLUENTIAL) TITLES ITS EDITORIAL "AMERICAN DISINTEREST" AND STATES: "...IT IS NOT ENOUGH TO SURROUND THE SWEARING-IN OF A NEW AMBASSADOR TO MEXICO WITH POMP. WE NEED FACTS. JOVA WILL SOON HAVE A CHANCE TO PROVE WITH DEEDS

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THE INTEREST PROCLAIMED BY THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY RUSH."

EXCELSIOR COLUMNIST FROYLAN M. LOPEZ NARVAEZ TIES JOVA WITH CIA. ADDS THE INTERESTS AT PLAY AND NOT GOOD WILL DECLARATIONS WILL GOVERN RELATIONS BETWEEN MEXICO AND THE UNITED STATES. LOPEZ NARVAEZ SAYS AMERICAN AMBASSADORS HAVE ALWAYS CREATED PROBLEMS FOR THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT AND THEY WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO, ESPECIALLY KNOW WHEN THE US IS APPROVING AND RECOMMENDING COUPS IN CHILE.

"EL NACIONAL" (SEMI-OFFICIAL) TITLES ITS EDITORIAL "HEMISPHERIC DIALOGUE" SUPPORTS LLOQUI'S STATEMENT FOR A TRUE AND OPEN DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE US AND LATIN AMERICA. WARNS THIS DOES NOT MEAN IDEOLOGICAL UNITY. "IT IS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT IDEOLOGICAL DIVERSITY AS A LOGICAL CONSEQUENCE OF SELF-DETERMINATION AND OF THE SOVEREIGNTY OF EACH STATE." PAPER TOASTS THE CONTINUATION OF CORDIAL US-MEXICO RELATIONS ON THESE TERMS.

"THE BEST AMBASSADOR" IS THE TITLE OF NOVEDADES (MODERATE) EDITORIAL. "THE PRESENCE OF A NEW HEAD OF MISSION WITH A VAST KNOWLEDGE OF THIS PART OF THE WORLD MAKES US HOPE FOR A FRUITFUL AND UNDERSTANDING ACTION TO SOLVE CONFLICTS AND ELIMINATE MISUNDERSTANDINGS ON THE PART OF THE UNITED STATES WHILE PROMOTING AND ENCOURAGING COMMON INTERESTS AND GOALS."

"EL SOL DE MEXICO" (RIGHT-OF-CENTER) BACKS WHAT SEEMS TO BE THE OFFICIAL LINE THAT "HEMISPHERIC UNITY DOES NOT MEAN IDEOLOGICAL UNITY." ITS EDITORIAL HEADLINED "NEW DIALOGUE WITH THE US." IS TAIL-ENDED BY A PARAGRAPH WHICH MIGHT HAVE BEEN INTENDED FOR A COMMUNIST ACTIVITY BUT CAN BE INTERPRETED AS MEANING THAT THE US. HAS SPONSORED GUERRILLA AND SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY IN MEXICO. "FOLLOWING THE NON-INTERVENTION PRINCIPLE ALWAYS SUPPORTED BY MEXICO, NO COUNTRY SHOULD MEDDLE IN THE DOMESTIC POLICY OF ANOTHER NATION AND EVEN TRY TO IMPOSE (ON OTHERS) ITS OWN IDEOLOGY THROUGH URBAN OR RURAL GUERRILLAS, COMANDOS TRAINED IN THE TERRITORY OF THE INTERVENTIONIST POWER, NOR THROUGH THE DISTRIBUTION OF SUBVERSIVE PROPAGANDA AIMED AT WEAKENING THE GOVERNMENT OR OTS CONSTITUTIONAL INSTITUTIONS." CARTER

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